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SUBJECT: STONING OF GUATEMALAN CONSULATE

1. GUATEMALAN CONSULATE GENERAL IN BELIZE CITY WAS STONED IN THE EARLY EVENING OF JUNE 25 BY A MOB OF 300-400 BELIZEANS WHO BROKE OFF FROM A NEARBY UDP (UNITED DEMOCRATIC PARTY) RALLY OF 3,000-4,000. THE CONSUL GENERAL AND HIS WIFE WERE NOT PRESENT AND THE BUILDING SUSTAINED ONLY BROKEN WINDOWS. DISPERSED BY POLICE TEAR GAS, THE MOB SPLINTERED INTO SMALLER BANDS THAT ENGAGED IN SPORADIC WINDOW SMASHING AND VANDALISM ON ADJACENT STREET UNTIL 2 A.M.

2. OPPOSITION WHIP PHILIP GOLDSOHN TOLD CONSULAR OFFICER HE BLAMED THE INCIDENT ON POPULAR ANGER AT THE GUATEMALAN DETENTION OF CAPTAIN EILEY IN PUERTO BARRIOS. CONGEN WAS INFORMED BY OTHER SOURCES THAT ATTACK ON GUATEMALAN CONSULATE GENERAL HAD BEEN INSTIGATED BY UDP SENATOR KENNETH TILLET IN SPEECH DURING UDP RALLY.

3. TILLET HAD TOLD US DAY BEFORE THAT UDP WAS PLANNING DEMON-
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STRATIFICATIONS AGAINST PRICE GOVERNMENT THROUGHOUT BELIZE. SENIOR

POLICE OFFICIAL TOLD US DEMONSTRATIONS HAD TAKEN PLACE ONLY
IN BELIZE CITY, COROZAL AND PUNTA GORDA.

4. PREMIER PRICE ADMITTED TO LAZAR AND ME AT LUNCH JUNE 27
THAT ALTHOUGH HE WAS SOMEWHAT CONCERNED ABOUT THESE MANIFES-
TATIONS OF DISSATISFACTION, HE DID NOT REGARD THEM AS SERIOUS
ENOUGH TO DETER HIS CONTINUED PURSUIT OF INDEPENDENCE. GAWF

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